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SUB: VORSTER WELCOMES IDEA OF MEETING WITH FORD

REF: CAPE TOWN 0599

1. SPEAKING AT INAUGURAL LUNCHEON OF CAPE TOWN PRESS CLUB

MAY 18, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER WELCOMED PRESIDENT FORD'S

RECENT STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH HIMSELF AND

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RHODESIAN PM SMITH AS SOMETHING DESIGNED TO PROMOTE

PEACE.

HE NOTED THAT NO OFFICIAL INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED, AND
ADDED:

"IF AND WHEN PRESIDENT FORD DEEMS IT ADVISABLE THAT
TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE, IF THEN AT SOME FUTURE DATE
HE DEEMS IT WISE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ME TO MEET
WITH HIM, I WILL ACCEPT SUCH AN INVITATION....IN SOME
SMALL MEASURE WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PLAY THAT PART(FOR THE GOOD
OF AFRICA) AND I WANT TO PLEDGE MYSELF TO BE ALWAYS WILLING,
WHenever IT IS POSSIBLE, TO PLAY A POSITIVE
PART IN PROMOTING PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

2. LOCAL PRESS HAS NOTED STATEMENT OF WHITE HOUSE
SPOKESMAN THAT NO DEFINITE PLANS OR DATES FOR ANY TALKS
HAVE YET BEEN SET, BUT ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT AT SUCH
A PROSPECT ARE REFLECTED IN ALL PRESS COVERAGE AND
COMMENTARY.

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